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SUBJECT: EC SUMMIT AND EC IDENTITY--POLITICAL

COMMITTEE MEETING, NOV 12-13

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES TELL US NOV 12-13 POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING IN COPENHAGEN DEVOTED RELATIVELY LITTLE TIME TO US/EC DECLARATION. WITH MINISTERS' MEETING SET FOR NOV 20, PC RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PAPER ON CSCE "RESULTS OF CONFERENCE" AND (STILL SOMEWHAT BRACKETED) EC IDENTITY
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PAPER; POL DIRECTORS BUCKED DIFFICULT ME PROBLEM UP TO

MINISTERS. DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER EC SUMMIT TOOK PLACE AT POL DIRECTORS DINNER. MAIN POINTS ON EC IDENTITY AND EC SUMMIT ARE REPORTED BELOW; CSCE AND MIDDLE EAST BY SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. EC IDENTITY. FONOFF SOURCE TELLS US POL DIRECTORS COMPLETED DRAFT OF EC IDENTITY PAPER, WHICH STILL RETAINS SOME BRACKETS, AND PASSED IT ON FOR CONSIDERATION AT NOV 20 QUARTERLY MINISTERIAL. MINISTERS WILL HAVE TO DECIDE ON SUBSTANTIVE TEXT, IF, WHEN AND WHERE IT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED. SOME THOUGHT IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO PUBLISHING EC IDENTITY PAPER AT THE TIME OF MID-DEC EC SUMMIT IN COPENHAGEN.
2. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF EC IDENTITY PAPER PARAGRAPH ON DEFENSE ASPECTS, WHICH SO FAR HAS THE APPROVAL OF ALL BUT THE IRISH. BEGIN TEXT. THE NINE, ONE ESSENTIAL GOAL OF WHICH IS THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, WILL NEVER ACT IN NEGLIGENCE OF THEIR OWN SECURITY. THOSE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CONSIDER THAT THERE PRESENTLY IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE SECURITY THAT IS ASSURED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ALLIANCE, THE NUCLEAR ARMS OF THE US AND THE PRESENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE. THEY ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT EUROPE MUST, IN VIEW OF ITS RELATIVE MILITARY VULNERABILITY, HOLD TO ITS ENGAGEMENTS AND MAKE A CONSTANT EFFORT TO DISPOSE OF AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE IF IT IS TO PRESERVE ITS INDEPENDENCE. END TEXT.
3. EC SUMMIT. POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING EC SUMMIT DURING NOV 12 DINNER AND AGREED ON DEC 14-15 DATES FOR COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. POL DIRECTORS AGREED WITH FRENCH VIEW THAT DEC SUMMIT SHOULD BE CONCEIVED SEPARATELY FROM ANTICIPATED REGULAR MEETINGS THAT MIGHT FOLLOW. FIRST ISSUE TO BE CONSIDERED AT DEC SUMMIT WOULD BE WHETHER AND HOW SUBSEQUENT REGULAR SUMMITS WOULD OCCUR. AS TO PARTICIPATION, FRENCH ARGUE THAT DEC MEETING WOULD BE "EXTRAORDINARY SESSION" WHICH SHOULD BE ATTENDED ONLY BY THE NINE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT; THIS ISSUE, HOWEVER, STILL REMAINS OPEN. PUAUX SAID IT WOULD BE "POLITICAL MEDITATION" THAT WOULD PROVIDE GENERAL ORIENTATIONS AND IMPULSES TO EUROPEAN

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- UNIFICATION. FRENCH PREFER NO RECORD OR COMMUNIQUE, BUT ONLY SUMMARY .AFTER THE MEETING BY DANISH CHAIRMAN.
4. AS TO SUBJECT MATTER, TENDENCY AMONG POL DIRECTORS WAS TO TREAT POLITICAL FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS, SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT ALSO OTHER MAJOR COMMUNITY PROBLEMS. POL DIRECTORS INDICATED THAT BASIC DECISIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN CONCERNING ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, REGIONAL POLICY AND ENERGY. DUCCI AND DAVIGNON

ALSO RAISED AN EARLIER IDEA OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT THAT
THE REPORT DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGANS OF THE
COMMUNITY BY THE END OF 1975, PURSUANT TO OCT 1972
EC PARIS SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON A
MORE URGENT BASIS.
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